

HOUSE BILL 580

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2010

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Reassignment of Functions of the Washington Suburban**
3 **Sanitary Commission to Montgomery County and Prince George's County**

4 **PG/MC 113-10**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Reassignment of Functions of the
6 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to Montgomery County and Prince
7 George's County; providing for the membership of the Task Force; providing for
8 the election of the chair of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task
9 Force; providing that the members of the Task Force may not receive
10 compensation but are entitled to a certain reimbursement; providing for the
11 duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report certain findings and
12 recommendations to the Governor and Montgomery County and Prince George's
13 County delegations to the General Assembly on or before a certain date;
14 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task
15 Force on the Reassignment of Functions of the WSSC to Montgomery County
16 and Prince George's County.

17 BY adding to

18 Article 29 – Washington Suburban Sanitary District
19 Section 18-110
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article 29 – Washington Suburban Sanitary District**

25 **18-110.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE ON THE REASSIGNMENT OF FUNCTIONS**
2 **OF THE WSSC TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

3 **(B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

4 **(1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY**
5 **THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

6 **(2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY**
7 **THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**

8 **(3) THE CHAIR OF THE WSSC, OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE;**

9 **(4) THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE WSSC, OR THE VICE-CHAIR'S**
10 **DESIGNEE; AND**

11 **(5) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, WHO SHALL HAVE EXPERIENCE**
12 **WITH THE WSSC OR THE OPERATION OF OTHER COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL WATER**
13 **AND SEWER SYSTEMS OR AUTHORITIES:**

14 **(I) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MONTGOMERY**
15 **COUNTY EXECUTIVE; AND**

16 **(II) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S**
17 **COUNTY EXECUTIVE.**

18 **(C) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ELECT ONE OF ITS MEMBERS AS CHAIR OF**
19 **THE TASK FORCE.**

20 **(D) THE WSSC SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.**

21 **(E) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE:**

22 **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE**
23 **TASK FORCE; BUT**

24 **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**
25 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**
26 **BUDGET.**

27 **(F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:**

1 **(1) STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE**
2 **REASSIGNMENT OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE WSSC TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY**
3 **AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY; AND**

4 **(2) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE REASSIGNMENT**
5 **OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE WSSC TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE**
6 **GEORGE'S COUNTY, INCLUDING THE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY OWNED OR**
7 **OPERATED BY THE WSSC AND THE SELECTION OF SITES WITHIN MONTGOMERY**
8 **COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY THAT ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE**
9 **SITING OF ADDITIONAL WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES.**

10 **(G) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2012, THE TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT**
11 **ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN**
12 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE**
13 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DELEGATIONS TO THE**
14 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 June 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of May
17 31, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
18 abrogated and of no further force and effect.